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Hongkong, April 18, 1908. 607

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21st April, meet at the U. S. R. C. Kowloon,
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Hongkong, April 15, 1908. 592

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE TWENTY-SECOND YEARLY
GENERAL MEETING of the Mem-
bers of the Hongkong Club will be held in
the Club House on WEDNESDAY, the
22nd April, 1908, at 5.15 p.m.
By Order,
C. H. GRACE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, April 9, 1908. 555

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL
MEETING of the Members of the
Hongkong Club will be held in the Club
House on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd April,
1908, at 5.30 p.m. for the purpose set forth
in the Notice posted in the Hall of the
Club.
By Order,
C. H. GRACE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, April 9, 1908. 556

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE HALF-YEARLY MEETING of
the above Club will be held on
SATURDAY, the 26th April instant, at
12.30 p.m., at the Offices of the Jockey
Club, on the Ground Floor of the Hong-
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By Order,
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Hongkong, April 10, 1908. 558

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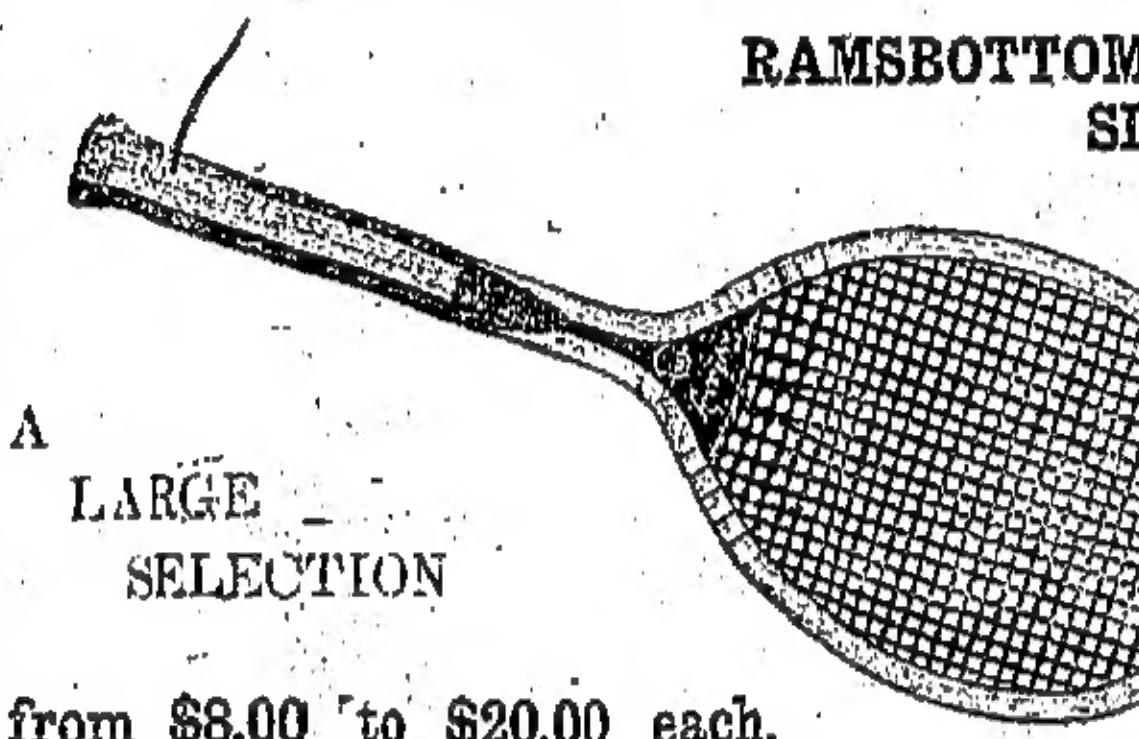
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EYRE.—On April 20, at Hongkong, to
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MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Auction.
11 a.m.—Auction of Goods & Chattels,
at Messrs Pugh & Hough's Sales
Rooms, at 2.30 p.m.—at 39, Queen's
Road Central.Miscellaneous.
Goods per China undelivered after noon
this date subject to rent.
Goods per Denbigh undelivered after
this date subject to rent.

General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, April 22:
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-
ture, &c., at 'Wellbarn,' No. 81, The
Peak.5.15 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Club
at Club House.
Goods per Oceana not cleared at 4 p.m.
on this date subject to rent.THURSDAY, April 23:
Noon—Meeting of Union Insurance So-
ciety of Canton, Ltd., at Head Office.
12.30 p.m.—Meeting of China Traders'
Insurance Co., Ltd., at Head Office.
Goods per Oceana undelivered after this
date subject to rent.SATURDAY, April 25:
11 a.m.—Meeting of Green Island Cement
Co., Ltd., at Messrs Sheehan, Tones &
Co.'s Office.
12.50 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Jock-
ey Club, at the Hongkong Club
Annex.7.45 p.m.—Fourteenth Annual Dinner
of H.K.F.C. at Hongkong Hotel.SATURDAY, May 2:
Noon—Meeting of The Hongkong Elec-
tricity Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.SATURDAY, May 30:
Noon—Funders will be received at the
Office of Colonial Secretary.

NOTICE.

Letters relating to business should be ad-
dressed to THE MANAGER.Communications relating to news should be
addressed to THE EDITOR.Correspondents must forward their names
and addresses with any communications ad-
dressed to the Editor, for publication but
as evidence of good faith.All letters for publication should be written
on one side of the paper only.No anonymously signed communications that
have already appeared in other papers will be
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The China Mail

HONGKONG, MONDAY, APRIL 20, 1908.

THE SPIRIT OF SPECULATION.

Some assert that the most marked
characteristic of to-day is the spirit of
speculation which has seized, not upon
any particular nation, but upon the
whole civilized world. Every now and
again over Europe, America, Australia
or Asia a wave of speculation passes.Being abnormal such waves do a large
amount of harm. Financial craft which
were thought to be strong enough to
withstand any stress are carried on to
the rocks of disaster. But, while it
must be admitted that the spirit of
speculation is responsible for a great
amount of suffering, we are not prepared
to admit that its existence is an unmixed
evil. It were the simplest thing in the
world to sit down and write a homily
upon the evil of seeking to acquire
wealth without working for it.Appropriate maxims and sayings of the
ancients in vast quantity would suggest
themselves as buttresses to such
a homily. A recent tragic event
might possibly be taken to point a
moral. In that connection the event is
too recent and the facts too undigested.
In our opinion, to justify such an allu-
sion, even if our present purpose were
to expose the evils of speculation. But
it is not. We purpose to show that a
good case can be made out in support
of speculation. In many ways specu-
lation quickens business and tends to an
improvement of methods. When a
"boom" occurs, say in regard to the
motor car industry, and new companies
spring up like weeds after rain, the
existing companies are stimulated by
the threatened competition and im-
mediately seek to better their product
and their method. Looked at from this
view-point the spirit of speculation
which caused the boom has worked tothe advantage of the general public.
Also, while a frenzy of speculation
brings ruin to the many, it brings to
the front men of marked ability who in
ordinary, humdrum times would never
have had an opportunity for displaying
their qualities. The small investor, that
is to say the man whose avocation
returns him sufficient to live on with
a small margin to invest, also has his
opportunity when the spirit of specu-
lation is inflating values. No doubt he
often loses heavily but it may be point-
ed out that, in business, what is one's
loss is another's gain. Taking shares
as an example, in a period of boom
shares which the small investor bought
at, say, \$100 rise suddenly to \$120. If
he sells he makes a substantial profit.
The man who buys at \$130 may be
another small investor who sees that the
boom is only in its infancy. He also
gets out at a profit. When the slump
comes the third purchaser loses but
the other two have profited. We certainly do not recom-
mend injudicious speculation in shares
or anything else but we have sufficient
knowledge of human nature to know
that the desire to gain unearned incre-
ment is instinctive and will periodically
manifest itself. So long is a man
restrains himself to speculating with
money which he can afford to lose
without inflicting any injury upon those
dependent upon him no harm is done
and advantage may result. Altogether
then we are inclined to believe that
almost as much can be said in favour
as in denunciation of the spirit of
speculation.

LETTERS-ON LIFE.

NO. I.—THE WEAKER SEX?

HONGKONG, April, 1908.

Dear Friend,—Before you sailed for the
West you asked me to write to you from
time to time, in order that we might con-
tinue by means of pen and ink, those little
discussions on Life which you and I started
one afternoon, now many months ago.Do you remember?
You had come to call for me on your
way to the Park Club, where we had both
promised to go and play "bridge," but the
fog, which is no respecter of persons,
descended as it can only in Hongkong and
so we retreated into my rambling.Until that afternoon I had looked upon
you as a pleasant acquaintance, and a good
bridge player—merely that and nothing
more. You had thought of me as a good
partner for a dance, or perhaps, as a kind
hostess, one of those people whom you did
not consider it a misfortune to find at
home when you performed the annual and
somewhat irksome task of paying your
round of duty calls.That you could think seriously on any
subject I never dreamt of such a thing.
That I ever worked out any problem beyond
those two which are known to absorb a
woman's whole time, viz: how shall I clothe
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THE BOYCOTT.

MORE JAPANESE GOODS
DESTROYED.(From Our Correspondent.)
CANTON, April 19.More destruction by fire of Japanese
goods in the inner city is reported. This
method it appears has been resorted to
occasionally to strengthen the movement.
Wires from Chinese outside China who
gradually came to know the strong move-
ment in their home land against Japan,
have reached the Self Government Society
in patriotic fervor. Shun Tak, Shun Wai,
Sunning, Hung-shu and Yangping districts
have sent thrilling descriptions of "na-
tional disgrace" meetings. The reports
that Japanese vessels leaving Hongkong
without Chinese cargoes on board seems to
please the people immensely and every-
body appears to be satisfied at what their
nationals are capable of doing.

THE AMERICAN SQUADRON.

Arrival on Sunday.

On Sunday there arrived in the harbour
an American squadron under the command
of Admiral Hemphill. The men-of-war
are the Rainbow, Helena, Concord, Wil-
mington, and Samar. On the way from
Manila the vessels met with heavy weather
but all acquitted themselves well.On Thursday next the squadron is due
to leave for the North. The Helena will
remain at Shanghai for a time whilst the
remainder cruise about Japan.

CINEMA TOGRAPHES.

Niagara Falls.

A magnificent moving picture descriptive
of a trip to Niagara Falls is now being
exhibited at the Hongkong Cinematograph.
It is undoubtedly one of the finest pictures
that has yet been shown in the Colony,
and its realism is so great and its beauty
so superb that it ought to be seen by those
who have seen Niagara and those who have
not. In addition there is a great variety
of grave and gay films being shown and
altogether the programme is one of great
excellence.An interesting series of pictures is being
thrown on the screen this week at the
Victoria Cinematograph where crowded
audiences applaud spontaneously. The
management spares no trouble or expense
to keep the pictures up-to-date, and to
make the entertainment one of the best in
the Colony, and on Wednesday evening
there will be reproduced the funeral of the
late King and Crown Prince of Portugal.Instructions have been received at Brust
from Mr. Thomson, Minister of Marine,
dealing with the arrangements under
which the Northern Squadron will escort
President Fallieres to England in his visit
in May. Mr. Fallieres and Mr. Pichon,
Minister for Foreign Affairs will sail on
board the armoured cruiser Leon Gambetta,
which is also the flagship of the squadron.
It is believed that the President will
embark at Brust, whilst on the return
voyage he will land at Cherbourg.A TRAIL OF STEAM? Headache (sure to
convince the most skeptical of its
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LETTERS-ON LIFE.

NO. I.—THE WEAKER SEX?

HONGKONG, April, 1908.

Dear Friend,—Before you sailed for the
West you asked me to write to you from
time to time, in order that we might con-
tinue by means of pen and ink, those little
discussions on Life which you and I started
one afternoon, now many months ago.Do you remember?
You had come to call for me on your
way to the Park Club, where we had both
promised to go and play "bridge," but the
fog, which is no respecter of persons,
descended as it can only in Hongkong and
so we retreated into my rambling.Until that afternoon I had looked upon
you as a pleasant acquaintance, and a good
bridge player—merely that and nothing
more. You had thought of me as a good
partner for a dance, or perhaps, as a kind
hostess, one of those people whom you did
not consider it a misfortune to find at
home when you performed the annual and
somewhat irksome task of paying your
round of duty calls.That you could think seriously on any
subject I never dreamt of such a thing.
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decides to fall in love with another man, and
meanwhile takes to sick nursing and good
works or she writes a book. Work, it
seems is her antidote, while is yours.You are to be envied in the advantages
you have over us in the way of disposing
of your troubles. Custom allows you to
drown them in the flowing bowl, while
they are yet young; we are obliged to
carry ours,—often for the rest of our lives,
hidden away out of sight.The longer one lives in Hongkong the
more one is bound to realise the mountains
of tribulation which must overtake the
male population of the island. Hardly a
day—or perhaps I should say a night, goes
by but some man downs his sorrow.—
Your ever.

VERONICA.

CANTON STRIKE.

SERIOUS TROUBLE AVERTED.

(From Our Correspondent.)
CANTON, April 19.The strike of persons in connection with
the shipping community which for a time
paralysed the entire shipping service in
Canton has been brought to a conclusion.
Kwok So Tai, of the Shipping Register
Department, who was responsible for the
strike, has been dismissed.

CANTON, April 18.

Yesterday, steam-lunches, boats, junks
and sampans embarked on a general strike
here, and as a result all passenger junks
running between Canton and the neighbour-
ing districts were idle and for a time
serious trouble was threatened. The strike
originated from alleged corruption on the
part of a Chinese shipping registrar by the
name of Kwok So Tai who was connected
with or rather was under the control of the
Customs. It is stated that for some time past
this man Kwok has been receiving bribes
from the water population and by reason of
his appointment, he was in a position to
practise corruption to an excessive extent
squeezing the boat men right and left. Pre-
viously a joint petition had been lodged with
the Viceroy's Yamen for the dismissal of
Kwok, and as is usual with things Chinese,
the petition was handed over to the de-
partment concerned. It was held however
that there was not sufficient proof against
Kwok, and so steps were taken to make
an investigation into the alleged wrong-
doings of the man and the latter has
been allowed to carry on his corrupt
practices which was responsible for yester-
day's strike. Several hundred persons
marched before the doors of the Customs
for redress, and the local authorities,
realising the gravity of the situation, came
forward to smooth matters over. It ap-
pears that there was certain relaxation on
the part of the Foreign Bureau which
might very well have averted the strike
before it came to the stage it reached
yesterday. After a series of meetings
between the heads of the shipping
community, the magistrates of Namhoi and
Fun Yu, and Thotai Wen, who has allowed
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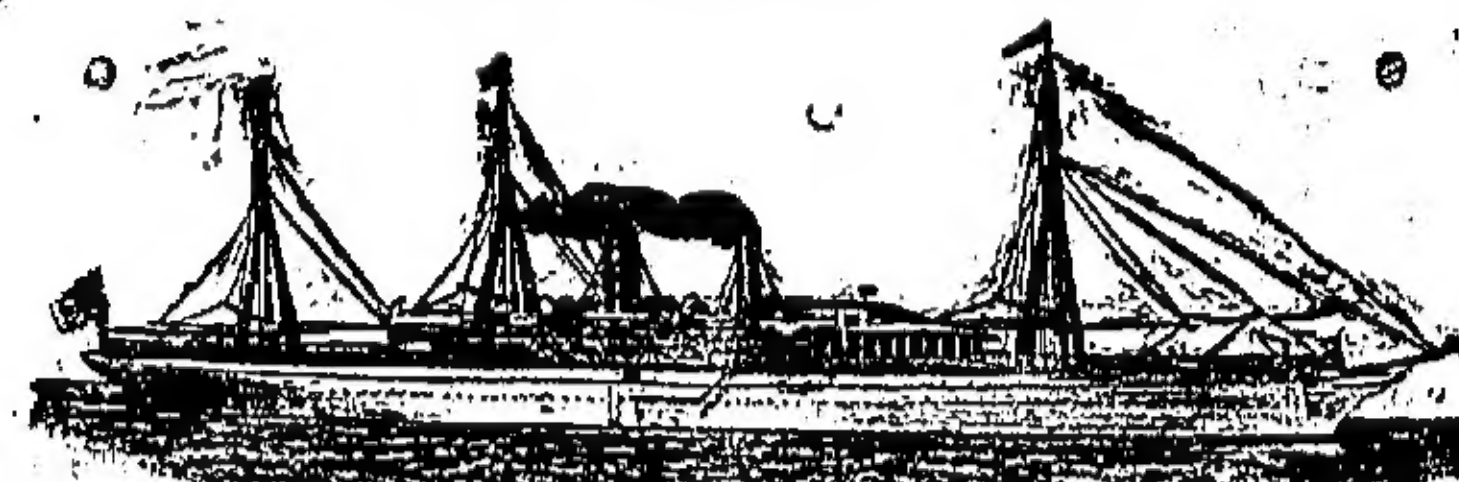
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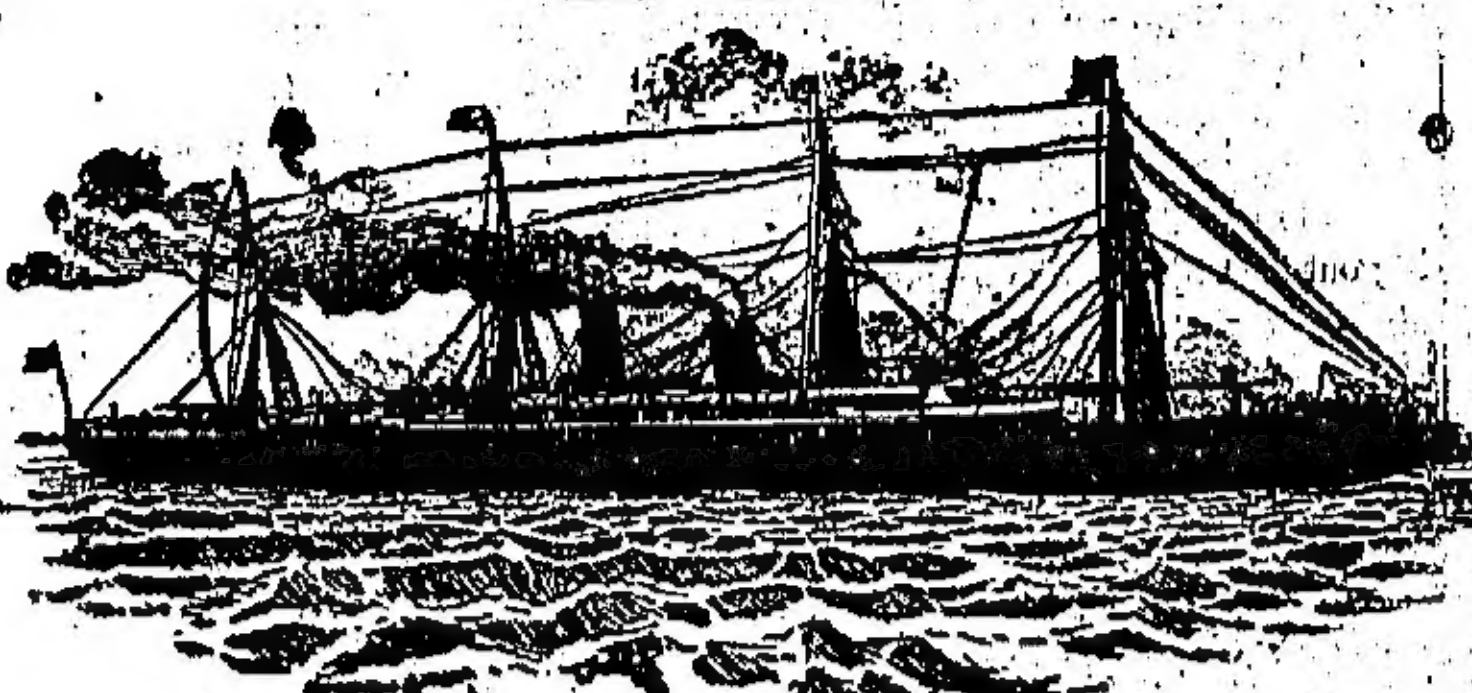
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